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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask the FCC to consider an appeal for an e-rate discount from Gallatin River Communications, our local telephone service provider. The commitment letter from USAC dated July 23, 2001 listed a change in service from "telecommunications" to "internal connections" but we have not had a change in service.

I was appointed Director of the Dixon Public Library on October 1, 2001 and wrote an appeal letter to USAC on October 4th. When the funding commitment letter was received in July there was not a director ap, ointed at the library and staff members were not aware of the e-rate process.

Enclosed is a letter of appeal to the USAC and a response from them dated November 2, 2001. I contacted the USAC office four times during October to check on the status of my appeal because I was well aware that it had been submitted past the 30 day appeal period. The representatives at USAC were only able to tell me that my appeal had not been entered into the system. Today I received their response that they are unable to consider this appeal.

It is my sincere hope that you will consider this appeal so that the Dixon Public Library will continue to receive its e-rate discount for Year 4. Trank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely

Lynn A. Roe

Director

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# Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

## FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER

(Funding Year 4: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002)

July 23, 2001

DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY Nancy Gillfillan 221 S HENNEPIN AVE DIXON, IL 61021-3042

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 215161 Funding Year 4: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002 Billed Entity Number: 135846

Thank you for your 2001-2002 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. We have completed review of your Form 471. This letter is to advise you of our decision(s).

#### FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. We have reviewed each Discount Funding Request on your Form 471 application and have assigned a Funding Request Number (FRN) to each Block 5. The enclosed report includes a list of the FRNs from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) upon the filing of your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that defines each line of the Report.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Once you have reviewed this letter and have determined that some or all of your requests have been funded, your next step to facilitate receipt of discounts as featured in this letter will be to file an FCC form 486 with the SLD. The Form 486 notifies the SLD to begin payment to your service provider and provides certified indication that your technology plan(s) has been approved. The Form 486 and instructions can be found on the SLD web site at <www.sl.universalservice.org> or you can call the SLD Client Service. Bureau at 1-888-203-8100 and ask that the form be sent to you. The new Form 486, dated July 2001 in the lower right corner, MUST be used for Funding Year 4 and for any previous funding years once it becomes available. Subsequent submissions of earlier versions of the Form 486 will be returned to you and will not be able to be processed. As you complete Form 486, you should also contact your service provider to verify they have received notice from the SLD of your funding commitments. After the SLD processes your Form 486, we can begin processing invoices from your service provider(s) so they can be reimbursed for discounted services they have provided you.

On December 21, 2000, the Children's Internet Protection Act was signed into law. That law will require schools and libraries that receive Universal Service discounts for certain services to adopt an Internet safety policy incorporating the use of filtering or blocking technology on computers with Internet access as a condition of receiving those discounts. THE LAW DOES NOT, HOWEVER, REQUIRE THIS TO BE IN PLACE FOR FUNDING YEAR 4. RECIPIENTS WILL HAVE TO CIRTIFY, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE UNDERTAKING SUCH ACTIONS, INCLUDING NECESSARY PROCUPEMENT PROCEDURES, TO PUT SUCH TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURES IN PLACE. For Funding Year 4 (the Funding Year beginning July 1, 2001), Billed Entities filing Form(s) 486 may encounter one or more situations that will affect their filing deadline(s). See the requirements for Funding Year 4 below and the Form 486

here has been no change in category of service

### FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 215161
Funding Request Number: 498820 Funding Status: Not Funded
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
SPIN: 143015284 Service Provider Name: Gallatin River Communications, L
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 101402057517
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2001
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2002
Site Identifier: 135846
Pre-Discount Amount: \$2,151.60
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discount will NOT be funded
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Funding Commitment Decision: Splanation: Category of Service was changed from telecom
service to Internal Connections. The funding cap will not provide < 81% discount to
be funded. For further details see WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG.

Funding Request Number: 498823 Funding Status: Funded Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service Service Provider Name: AT&T Corp. Contract Number: T Billing Account Number: 0206510810001 Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2001 Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2002 Site Identifier: 135846 Pre-Discount Amount: \$1,351.08 Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 60% Funding Commitment Decision: \$810.65 - FRN approved as submitted

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